

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817

By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Jerome Vincent  
"J.V." Sailors, Executive Director of the State  
Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Dr. Jerome Vincent "J.V." Sailors on Tuesday, May 2, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sailors was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, J. V. Sailors was born in Alabama and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama. He received a Master's degree from the University of Montevallo, Alabama with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. In 1971, Dr. Sailors earned a doctorate in school administration, supervision and curriculum development from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sailors began his exemplary career in education as a biology teacher and coach; after later serving in the positions of assistant principal and principal at the high school level, he became a superintendent of schools, a position which he would fill with the greatest integrity, acumen and professionalism in three different school systems over the course of 23 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as Executive Director of the State Board of Education, Dr. Sailors served astutely for seven years as Director of Schools in Anderson County and was a highly respected member of the Clinton community; and

WHEREAS, for over four years, Dr. Sailors had served with acumen as Executive Director of the State Board of Education, in which position he had earned the respect and admiration of the entire education community of this state for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, J.V. Sailors was honored as the Superintendent of the Year in Alabama in 1986 and as Superintendent of the Year in Tennessee in 1995; his significant and valuable contributions to education in Tennessee have been acknowledged by those at the highest levels of state government, as well as those with whom he worked; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sailors enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carol, and was the proud parent of two sons, Jerry and Tim, and daughter, Kelly Ferguson, and was the grandfather of two grandsons; and

WHEREAS, J. V. Sailors leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional educator and administrator, devoted public servant and remarkable human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Jerome Vincent "J.V." Sailors, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Sailors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.